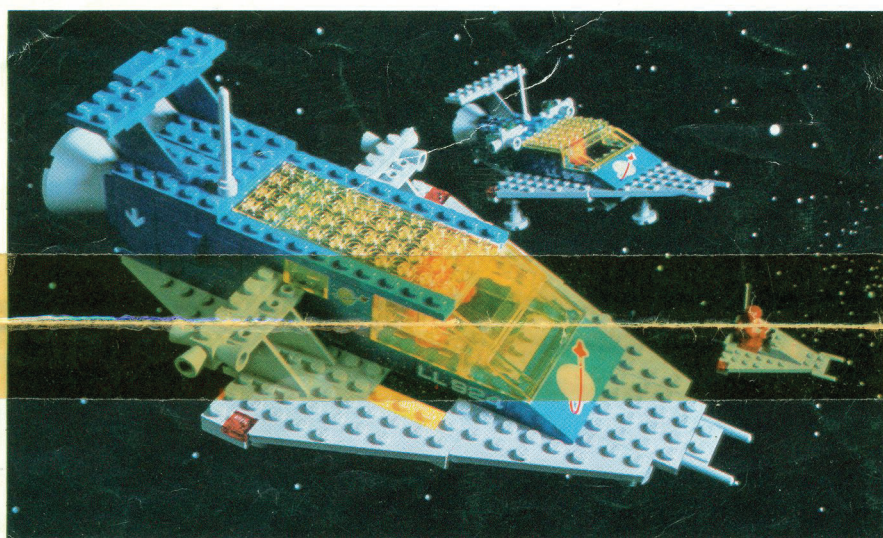


Bricks 'n Pieces

A newsletter for LEGO® Club members No. 1. Spring '79

COUNT - DOWN TO BLAST OFF!

New LEGOLAND® Space sets for Easter



This is the year that the Americans are due to launch their new Space Shuttle into orbit. Now you too can create exciting space adventures of your own with the new range of 13 LEGOLAND Space Sets. Three of them sell for under £1 and another four for under £2, so even if the giant Space Cruiser and Moonbase No. 924 is beyond your reach at over £15, you can still extend your LEGO play into orbit.

Details of the whole range are shown in the enclosed leaflet but what the leaflet does not tell you about is the super competition you can enter.

Win a trip to Cape Canaveral

When the LEGOLAND Space sets go into the shops in early April you should look out for the free entry forms for a simple competition. The first prize will be an eight day holiday in America to see the Kennedy

Space Centre at Cape Canaveral plus Disney World in Florida and Miami Beach. That's the holiday of a lifetime and it is all free. There are 55 other prizes too so make sure you get one of the entry forms from your toy store.



Dear Members,

I hope you enjoy reading this, the first of our Club newsletters. Two more are planned for this year one in the Summer, another in the Autumn.

We have given a lot of space inside to the activities of members because we felt that you would particularly like to see what other members are up to.

All of the members whose models or ideas are shown here automatically receive a "golden" Master Builders badge. If you'd like to become a Master Builder too, send me pictures of your special models and if they are printed in the next issue you will get a badge too. But do make sure your photos are really clear and sharp. We have had to reject so many because they were too fuzzy to re-print.

As you will see from your special, advance copy of the complete LEGO range leaflet for 1979, there are lots of exciting new sets for boys and girls of all ages plus an entry form for new Club members in case you have a friend who would like to join too.

Here's wishing you good building in '79.

Yours sincerely,

CLIVE NICHOLLS
Club President

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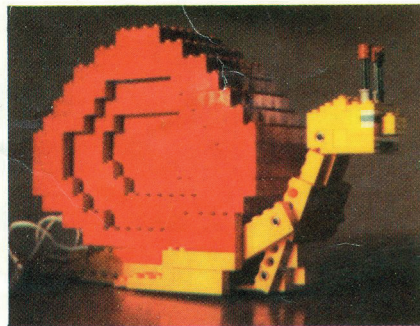
Have you ever wondered why LEGO is called LEGO?

LEGO bricks are made in Denmark and in Danish the words "leg godt" mean "play well". But Danish is a funny language in which many letters are hardly pronounced at all. So when a Dane says "leg godt" it sounds just like LEGO—hence the name!

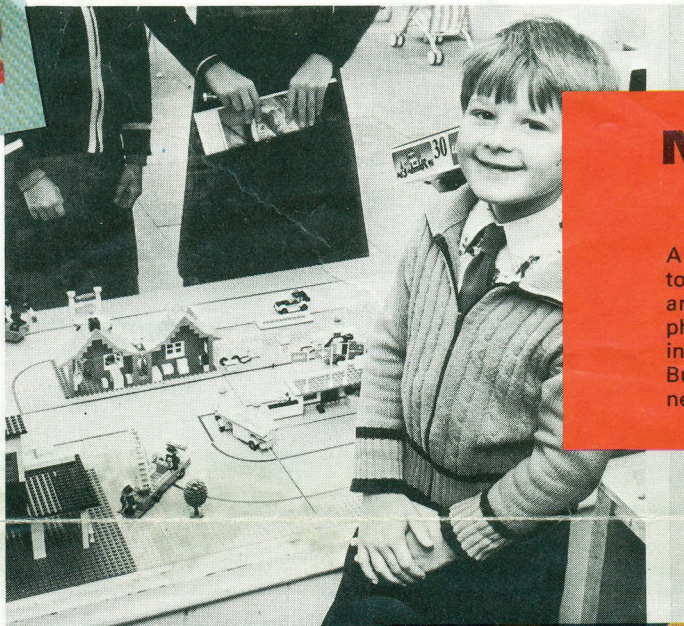
By a coincidence, the word "lego" in Latin can mean "I am putting together", That wasn't planned, but it is very suitable isn't it?



Timmy Lewis of Cowbridge built this chess set and used it for a "Guess the Number of Bricks" competition to raise funds at his Scout Carnival. A clever use of a nice model Timmy!



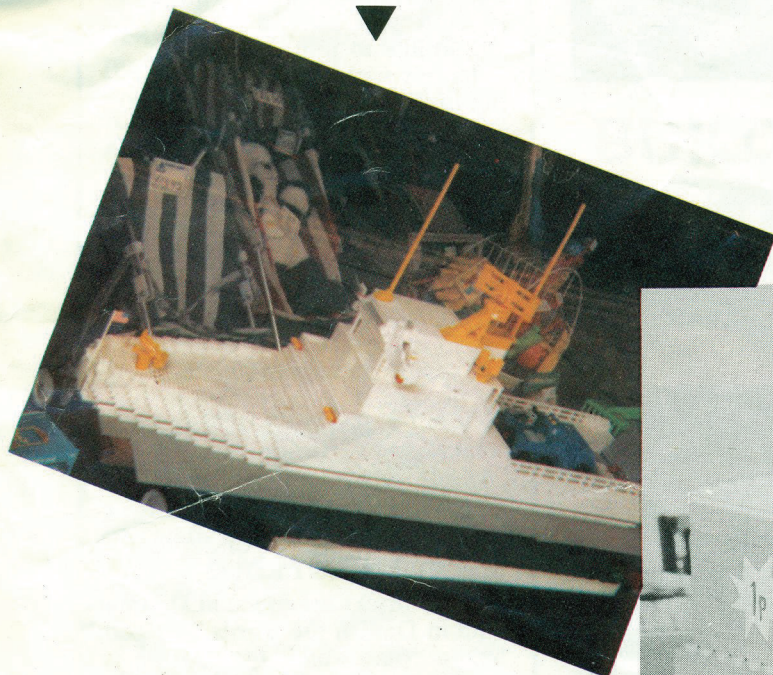
This snail was built by 13-year-old Richard Bostock of Leeds. A very simple model for a 13-year-old you think? Ah, but this one not only crawls ("at 1 metre every 12 seconds" Richards says) but nods its head up and down at the same time. On top of that it has such an amusing face! A very elegant design, Richard.



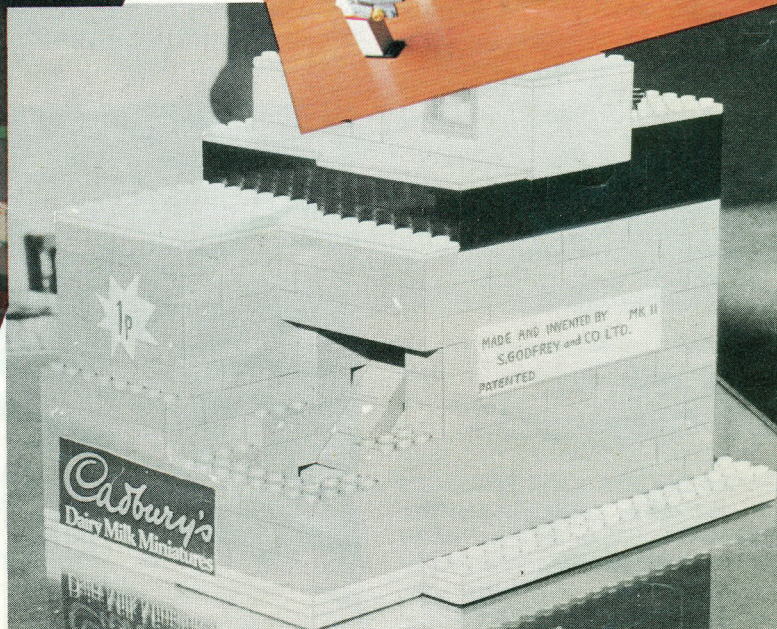
Full marks to Carl Woods of Surrey and Steven Ghent of Harrow. They both have arrangements with local toy shops to show their models in the window. The shopkeepers get a nice display model and the boys get lots of admiration for their models. Perhaps your local toy retailer would like to borrow some of your models for his window!

MASTER AWARDS

A "golden" Master Builder Badge to each of the members whose are shown here. If you photograph of a special model in and you too could become a Builder if your model is shown next issue of *Bricks 'n Pieces*.

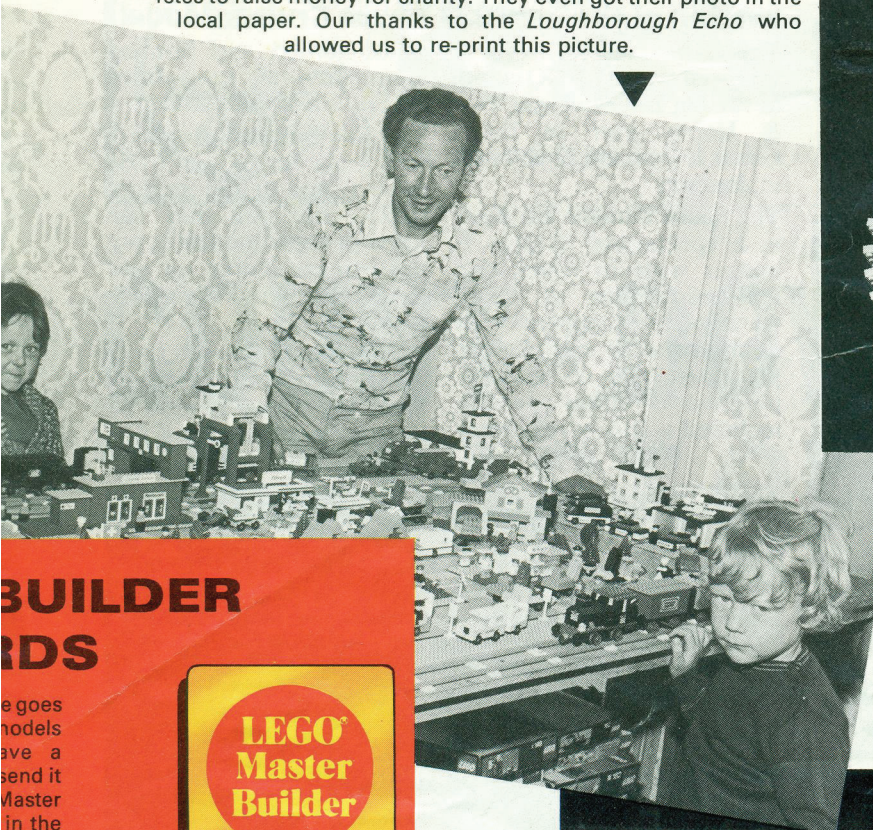


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Now here's a clever idea—a LEGO sweet dispenser by S. Godfrey of Hayling Island. And it actually works! Put a coin in the slot at the top and it triggers a mechanism which delivers a miniature chocolate bar. This is described by its inventor as "Mk 2". I wonder what the "Mk 1" version did?

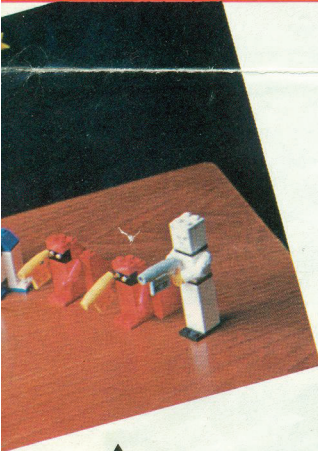
Tina and Tim Swarbrooke are lucky, they've got a Dad who's a LEGO fanatic too. The Swarbrookes display their layout at local fetes to raise money for charity. They even got their photo in the local paper. Our thanks to the *Loughborough Echo* who allowed us to re-print this picture.



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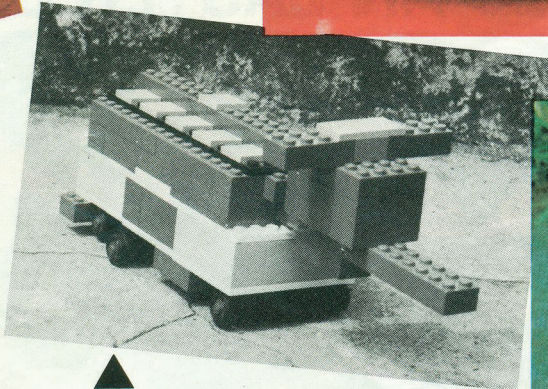
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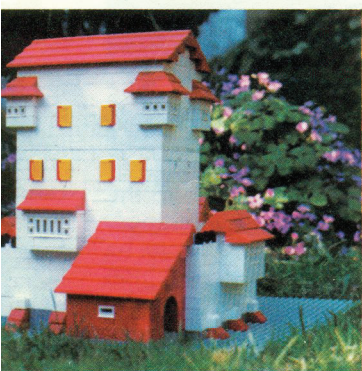
Lots of you sent me pictures of lorries, but this superbly detailed Trans America truck is a real winner. Designer Pendry comes from Ashford but I shouldn't think he sees many juggernauts like this in Kent!



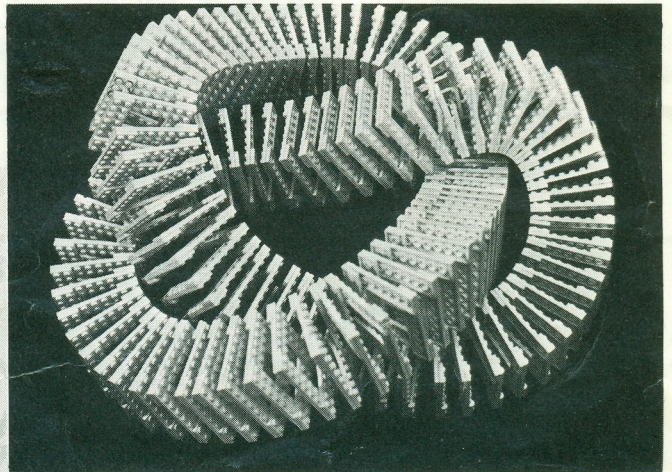
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This model of Dr. Who's "K9" comes from 7-year-old Keir Ashton of Southampton. It was one of several such models from different children but some of the photographs were not as clear as this one and so could not be re-printed.



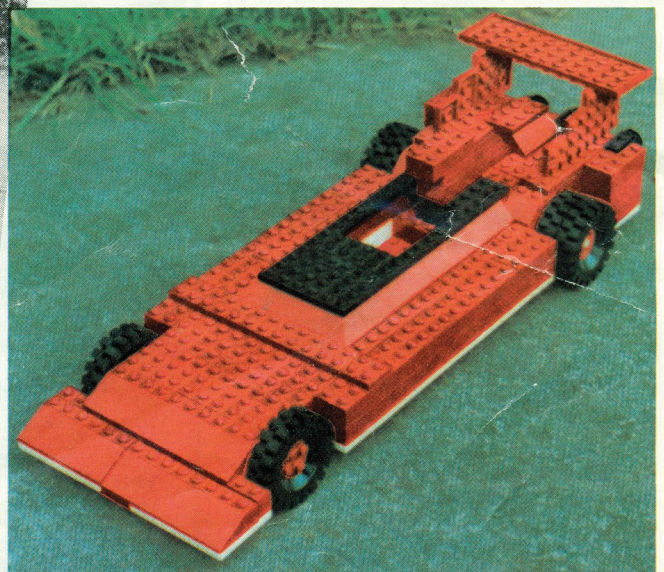
I like this model, described as a "LEGO Colditz". It was built by "the Beazley family" of Bexley. I gather the whole family had a hand in it so they'll have to take turns wearing their Master Builder Badge!



Dr. Berry works in a research lab in Bristol. He may not be a Club member but we thought you would like to see this fascinating creation he calls a "Helical Möbius trefoil knot".

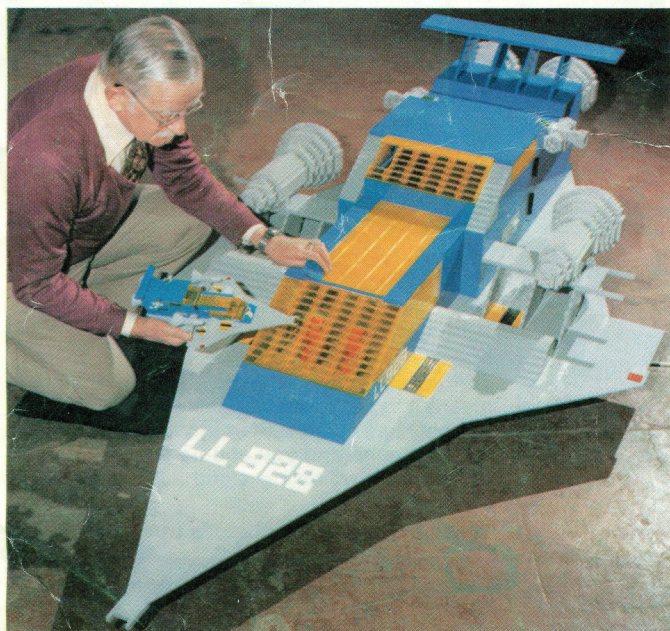
Helical means that it is built like a spiral spring. Trefoil means it has three loops. But Möbius means it has a twist in it, which also means that it has only one surface. Start anywhere, follow the surface round and you end up back where you started after travelling along all four apparent sides.

That's hard to believe but it's true!



Here's a very smart Grand Prix racer from Tim Carden of Gt. Yarmouth. Notice how he has built the "spoiler" at the back. Very neat, Tim.

GIANT SPACE CRUISER



David Lyall, British LEGO'S chief model designer is seen here with a giant-sized version of the new 928 Space Cruiser Model.

This 2-metre long version was used on the LEGO stand at the big International Toy & Hobby Fair at Earls Court in London at the end of January.

The Space Cruiser was used in a spectacular display 6 metres wide in which the limitless depths of space were created, complete with swimming stars and planets projected from six massive projectors. Other models included a slowly revolving

space station and floating astronauts—all built from LEGO bricks of course.

The Toy Fair unfortunately was only open to trade buyers, not to the general public, but you may see some of these models in big department stores up and down the country during the year.

Altogether, David Lyall spent three months building these big Space models so they are worth seeing if you get the chance in your area.

LEGO Sponsors OXFAM

Did you know that the United Nations has made 1979 the International Year of the Child?

That means that all over the world people and charities will be making a special effort to improve conditions for children, especially in under-developed countries.

Here in Britain OXFAM and UNICEF are pooling their efforts under the heading "Together for Children".

They have asked British LEGO Ltd. to sponsor a special project which will raise money to buy brick making machines so that families in remote villages in Brazil will be able to build better homes.

Part of the plan is to ask schools and youth groups to build a LEGO model of a village and to collect £20,000 to build a real village.

LEGO is donating some of the cash and also a basic kit of 1,000 free LEGO bricks to help each of the groups start their model.

If your class at school or your youth club would like to do something to help under-privileged children you could ask your teacher or group leader, to write for full details about how the scheme works to:

Build A Village Project,
"Together for Children",
46-48 Osnaaburgh Street,
LONDON NW1 3PU.

COMPETITION CORNER

Here's a chance to win a LEGO set prize worth around £10 and you don't have to have a big collection to enter.

All you have to do is make a model using not more than 15 LEGO pieces.

Does that sound too limiting? Try it, and I think you will be surprised at how much scope it gives you!

The model can be of anything you like—an animal, a puppet, a gas cooker, a racing car. Anything at all, provided it has not more than 15 separate pieces (e.g. a wheel and a tyre count as 2 pieces).

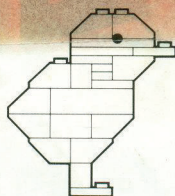
In addition to two winners prizes (one for children under 9, one for 9 and over) there will be Master Builder badges for pictures of any models shown in the next issue of *Bricks 'n Pieces*.

Send either photographs (black and white, or colour) or drawings if you are good at drawing and can show exactly how the model could be built, which isn't easy!

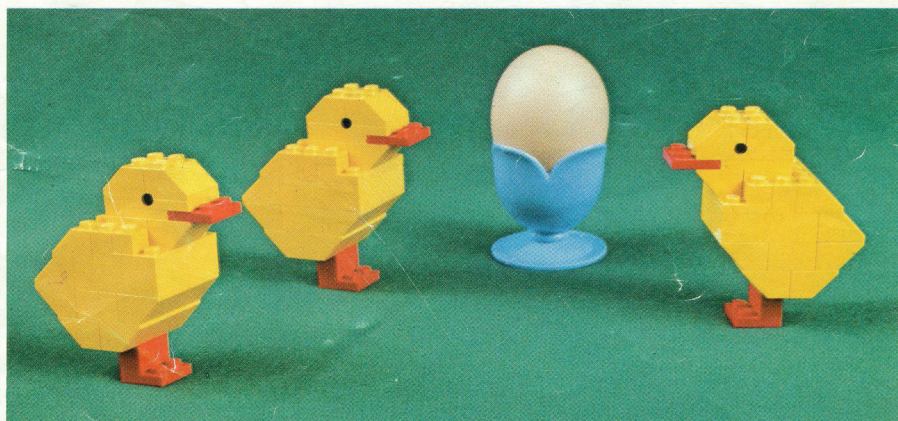
We'll be looking for original ideas and how well the ideas are carried out. Don't forget to give your age. Send your entries to British LEGO Ltd. (Club Competition), Wrexham, Clwyd LL13 9UH.

Closing date for entries is 31st May 1979.

Good luck and have fun!



BUILD AN EASTER CHICK



Model designer David Lyall took time off from building his huge space models to think up a simpler idea for you to build.

"Wouldn't it be fun" he says "to have some little LEGO chicks on the table on Easter Morning among the Easter eggs".

That seems a nice idea and we show here the chicks he built, plus a line

drawing so you can see the bricks he used. If you don't happen to have the same bricks you can design your own, adapting David's design to fit what you have. You can make the black dot for the eye with a felt pen. "The chicks don't even have to be yellow" says David. "Red and blue and white ones would look very jolly too. After all, you have coloured eggs for Easter don't you?"